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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Seoul Bureau

FROM :
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SUBJECT : Seoul Bureau Emergency Coverage Plan

REFERENCES : A. MHQ-5023 -- Request for Emergency Coverage Plans
B. MSK-5010 -- Emergency Coverage Plans
C. FBIS/Okinawa 13933, dtd 15 July 1985 -- Seoul
Bureau Emergency Plan
D. SK414 dtd 27 March 86 -- No Change in Seoul's
Emergency Plans

1. Attached is the finalized emergency coverage plan for Seoul Bureau. It is based on Seoul's draft plan submitted as Ref B, and incorporates the changes suggested in Ref C. Bureau comments and corrections are solicited.

2. MOD will be adhering to the 6-month update schedule for these plans, as stated in Ref A. Accordingly, the next update of this plan will be due in October 1986. Seoul Bureau may wirefile suggested update at that time.

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Attachment:
SK Emergency Coverage Plan

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SEOUL BUREAU EMERGENCY COVERAGE PLAN

In event of interruption of Seoul Bureau operations and subject to changes depending on the situation at the time:

1. Okinawa Bureau would take (Class A coverage underlined):

A. 1) Korean:

- a. Pyongyang Domestic Service;
- b. Seoul Domestic Service (depending on international situation; if no critical situation affecting ROK exists, YONHAP coverage should suffice)
- c. (Clandestine) VRPR (as time and manpower permit);
- d. Moscow International Korean (as time, manpower permit);
- e. Beijing International Korean (as time, manpower permit).

2) English:

- a. Pyongyang KCNA;
- b. Seoul YONHAP;

3) Mandarin (coordinating with Hong Kong according to reception, bureau workload at the time):

- a. Changchun Jilin Provincial Service;
- b. Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service;
- c. Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service;
- d. Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service;
- e. Jinan Shandong Provincial Service.

B. Personnel shift: Deputy chief and one staff editor.

C. Equipment needed: None.

2. Hong Kong Bureau would take:

A. 1) Chinese: Take over coverage of Northeast China regional dailies, which can be forwarded to HK by the Beijing contractor now forwarding them to SK;

2) Mandarin: North and Northeast China regional radios monitorable at Hong Kong -- to be coordinated with Okinawa according to conditions at the time. (See paragraph 1A3 above). In case of a very long outage, Beijing contractor could forward tapes from Beijing City Service, Shihjiazhuang Hebei Provincial Service, and possibly Tianjin City Service.

B. Personnel shift: None.

C. Equipment needed: None.

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3. LOSSES would include:

- 1) Pyongyang TV Korean;
- 2) ROK press coverage. Coverage would revert to NEAD.

4. ALTERNATIVES and uncertainties:

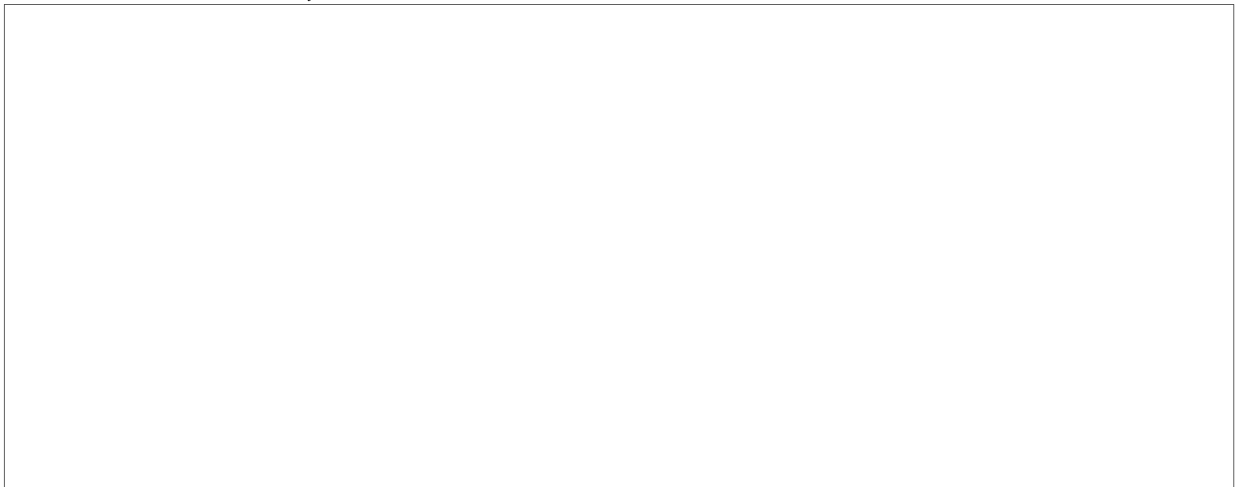
A. Workload on limited number of OW Korean-language monitors would require ad hoc adjustments in coverage of Korean media, and it might be necessary for OW to drop signon-signoff open watch of Pyongyang DS to conserve OW's limited manpower resources.

B. In the event of a long-term total loss of Seoul, the deputy chief and one other staff editor could be TDY'd to OW as support for the increased coverage. The chief and the other staffer would remain behind to take care of the local situation, if allowed to remain. In the event of evacuation of all nonessential U.S. personnel, all staffers would TDY to OW.

C. It would be difficult if not impossible to TDY any of Seoul's Korean monitors to OW quickly. Even in normal circumstances, it is difficult and time-consuming for Korean citizens to get passports. The kind of chaotic local political conditions that would require Seoul Bureau to shut down would only exacerbate this problem, and in the event of hostilities with the DPRK the ROK Government might refuse to allow any Korean citizens to depart.

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5. Vulnerability of COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRIC POWER:



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